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**GOP – “Our promise:
Work together to fight for jobs and for a better Michigan”**

On behalf of the Republican majorities in both the State House and Senate and in the official response to the Governor’s State of the State address, State Senator Patty Birkholz (R – Saugatuck Twp.) and State Rep. Scott Shackleton (R – Sault Ste. Marie) outlined the Republican vision for our state and its families and renewed the pledge to fight for every Michigan job.

“The rest of the nation has gained over a quarter million new jobs since just last summer, but Michigan’s economy continues to lag, and our families continue to struggle with lay-offs, plant closings and an uncertain future,” Shackleton said. “President Bush’s national economy is strengthening, our economy here in Michigan is still struggling.

“We believe the time for talk is past and the time to act is right now. Tonight, we make this simple, straightforward commitment to you: We will fight for every Michigan job, and we won’t stop fighting until every person who wants to work can find a job.”

“Good jobs are the fuel that drives our state forward,” Birkholz continued, “and right now, Michigan is running on fumes. This is why Republicans wasted no time last fall in sending the Governor a plan to help local job providers and invite more businesses to come to Michigan, and we won’t stop now.”

“The Republican vision for Michigan is one where anyone who wants to work can find a job and support their family,” Birkholz continued. “In Lansing and in our districts back home, we will work each and every day to make this vision a reality.”

Shackleton concluded by pledging to work with Governor Granholm in the year ahead.

“We welcome the opportunity to work with Governor Granholm in doing what’s right for people, not what’s easiest for government,” he said. “In the year ahead, we will fight for every Michigan job and we will do everything we can to make President Bush’s national recovery, a Michigan recovery. That’s our promise to you, the people and families of Michigan.”

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